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between 27 September and 30 October 1954:

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28	55	"
<u>October</u>		
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2	55	Himmelpfort
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5	55	Frankfurt/Oder
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24	55	Leipzig
30	55	Eberswalde

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2. Between 7 and 20 November, a westbound troop train and an eastbound troop train were dispatched daily from Kuestrin-Kietz. ² On 19 November and on another undetermined date, the westbound trains were empty. ³ On 20 November, two members of a Soviet detail which was stationed at Kuestrin up to 31 October, were seen on an eastbound troop train. The train came from Eberswalde and left Kietz at about 2200.

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3. Troop trains with soldiers which passed through Eberswalde between 13 and 19 November included:

Date in November	Number of Boxcars	From	To
13	60	Fuerstenberg	Kietz
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4. At 0300 on 19 November, a troop train of 54 B with about 1,300 soldiers was unloaded at the Wildpark railroad station. The train came from Guben. The soldiers who were unarmed and carried handbags marched toward Potsdam. ⁴

5. On 16 November, soldiers boarded a train of 5 boxcars at the Satzkorn railroad station and went to Bernau. On 20 November, a train of 4 boxcars with soldiers from Satzkorn also left for Bernau. On 17 November, a troop train of 11 boxcars with about 300 soldiers arrived from Frankfurt/Oder and was unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station.

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